

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawings in view of the attached replacement formal drawing sheet 1/3 in which Fig. 1 has been amended to show watch hand 14 in alignment with the other hand 15 for simulating a compass needle.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable (obvious) over Born '551 in view of Farine '157, and the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable (obvious) over Born in view of Sekiguchi '164.

A novel feature of claim 1 is the use of both hands of the watch, set in aligned positions, i.e. pointing in opposite directions, respectively, for indicating the direction of north. The assembly of both hands, thus moving together, forms a longer needle that extends across the dial and simulates a compass needle.

In **contrast**, Farine discloses an electronic timepiece including a GPS receiver and being capable of indicating a target direction by bringing both hands 4 and 5 into a superposed position (see column 4, lines 16-22 and 46-58), and then the assembly thus formed turns as a single unit. The Examiner has interpreted Farine bearing in mind the aligned positions according to the present invention, when she considers that Farine discloses hands set in aligned positions. As a matter of fact, Farine discloses only to set the hands either in a superposed position, or in different positions to indicate two different directions as mentioned in column 5, lines 26-31.

In view of this clear difference between Applicant's claimed subject matter and Farine's teaching, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-6 would not have been (and could not

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the attached replacement drawing sheet 1/3 containing an amended

Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet - 1/3

have been) *prima facie* obvious from the combined disclosures of Born and Farine, as it is clear that the above-noted difference in Farine's disclosure provides no suggestion or motivation for combining the two references, and, furthermore, even if (for some unknown reason) the two disclosures were combined, there would not be produced the subject matter of any of claims 1-6 or subject matter which would have rendered these claims obvious.

On page 4, paragraph 4, the Examiner separately rejects dependent claim 4 [sic, 7 (7/4/1)] as being unpatentable (obvious) over Born in view of Sekiguchi, but includes Farine in her comments in support of this rejection.

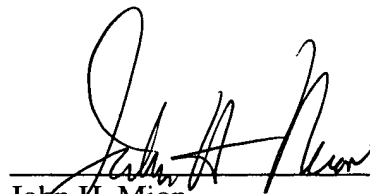
Applicant respectfully submits that, in view of the above-noted deficiency in Farine's disclosure with respect to parent claims 4 and 1, there is no suggestion or motive to combine Sekiguchi's disclosure with that of Born and Farine in an attempt to reach the subject matter of the dependent claims 7 (7/4/1). In other words, even if Sekiguchi's pressure sensor were combined with the teachings of Born and Farine, there would not be produced the subject matter of dependent claim 7 (or subject matter which would have rendered claim 7 obvious).

In conclusion, then, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objection to the drawing and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and to find the application to be in condition for allowance with all of claims 1-7; however, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues, and to expedite the disposition of the application.

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Applicant files concurrently herewith a Petition (with fee) for an Extension of Time of Two Months. Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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